



**PATENT APPLICATION**

1743  
*[Signature]*

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date August 30, 2004

In re the Application of

Yutaka YAMAGATA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1743

Application No.: 09/674,304

Examiner: E. Quan

Filed: August 6, 2001

Docket No.: 107734

For: LIQUID TREATING EQUIPMENT INCLUDING A STORAGE VESSEL AND A DISCHARGE VESSEL

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND  
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired June 29, 2004, an extension of time for a period of 2 months is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 157889 in the amount of \$420.00 in payment for:

- |                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| <u>          </u> | Extension fee for response within first month pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$110.00)  |
| <u>  X  </u>      | Extension fee for response within second month pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$420.00) |
| <u>          </u> | Extension fee for response within third month pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$950.00)  |

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two copies of this petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

*[Signature]*  
James A. Oliff  
Registration No. 27,075

Joel S. Armstrong  
Registration No. 36,430

Leana Levin  
Registration No. 51,939

JAO:JSA:LXL/hs

**OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC**  
P.O. Box 19928  
Alexandria, Virginia 22320  
Telephone: (703) 836-6400

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE  
AUTHORIZATION  
Please grant any extension  
necessary for entry;  
Charge any fee due to our  
Deposit Account No. 15-0461

08/31/2004 KBETEM1 00000086 09674304 420.00 OP  
01 FC:1252